

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

In claim **121**, the term "claim **101**" was amended to read -- claim **120** --.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with William E. Player on April 24, 2012.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Examiner received on January 20, 2012 notice of a BPAI decision rendering the instant claims allowable. Examiner also noted a minor error in the claims remaining of record and was given authorization by applicant to correct the error in the Examiner's Amendment provided above. There remaining no recognized bases for objection to, or rejection of, the claims remaining of record, said claims have been found allowable as presently amended.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner L. E. Crane whose telephone number is **571-272-0651**. The examiner can normally be reached between 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. S. Anna Jiang, can be reached on **571-272-0627**.

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